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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8743

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL (SECDEF NATO INVITATIONAL)

REFS: (A) CSAF 122020Z MAY 75; (B) STATE 113008

STATE PLEASE PASS DEFENSE OSAF WASHDC/SAFLL

1. AMBASSADOR KUBISCH AND COUNTRY TEAM ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO VISIT OF SECDEF NATO INVITATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. AMBASSADOR AND OTHER MISSION OFFICERS WILL MEET CODEL AT AIRPORT.

2. DAO CAPT GEORGE SMITH, USN, IS APPOINTED CONTROL OFFICER. DAO MAJOR PETER ANDREWS (USAF), HOME TELEPHONE 6814682, IS PROJECT OFFICER.

3. EMBASSY HAS MADE RESERVATIONS AT ATHENS HILTON FOR MAY 30 AND 31. RATES ARE \$56.90 PER DAY FOR DOUBLES AND \$46.73 FOR SINGLES. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO AND FROM AIRPORT AND FOR PROGRAMMED ENGAGEMENTS.

4. FOLLOWING CODEL'S ARRIVAL, NOW SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MAY 30, AMBASSADOR AND COUNTRY TEAM WILL BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH CODEL FOR CLASSIFIED BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION. AMB. & MRS. KUBISCH WILL ALSO BE PLEASED TO HOST A SMALL INFORMAL RECEPTION FOR CODEL AND THEIR SPOUSES, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE PRIOR TO CODEL'S SUBSEQUENT PLANS FOR FRIDAY EVENING.

5. TO ALLOW FOR SLIPPAGE IN ARRIVAL TIME AND TO PERMIT DELEGATION TO REST BRIEFLY AT HOTEL AFTER ARRIVAL, MOST PRACTICAL SCHEDULE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR BRIEFING WOULD APPEAR TO BE FROM 6:30 - 7:30 AT AMBASSADOR'S

RESIDENCE. SPOUSES COULD JOIN CODEL AFTER BRIEFING FOR RECEPTION. ALTERNATIVELY, IF CODEL PREFERS, BRIEFING COULD BE HELD AT EMBASSY BETWEEN 5:30 AND 6:30 P.M. WITH GROUP RETURNING TO HOTEL BEFORE PROCEEDING TO RESIDENCE FOR RECEPTION. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH SCHEDULE CODEL PREFERS.

6. WE ASSUME FROM REFTTEL THAT GROUP DOES NOT SEEK INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BELIEVE THAT AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH SELECTED MEMBERS OF GREEK PARLIAMENT, GREEK AND AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICIALS AND OTHERS. WE WILL ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF SCHEDULE AS A COURTESY WHEN CODEL CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED.

7. EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASED TO ASSIST WITH SCHEDULE FOR MAY 31 ARRANGING TOURS AND SHOPPING OR OTHERWISE RESPONDING TO DESIRES OF PARTY.

8. CODEL COSTS THIS POST WILL INCLUDE: OVERTIME, BAGGAGE HANDLING CHARGES, ETF. BUDGET WILL BE PREPARED AND FORWARDED AFTER PROGRAM OF CODEL IS FINALIZED.

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